REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 5-9, 13-17, and 21-24 have been modified to overcome the issues underlying the applied objections in Section 2 of the office action and the 35 USC 101 rejections in Sections 3 and 4 of the office action. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is provided at least in the original claims and Fig. 10 and its accompanying description in the specification.

Claims 1-24 were rejected, presumably under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Cartsonis et al. (US 6,584,501). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to the amended claims, the Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a feature previously recited in dependent claim 7. Specifically, claim 1 now defines a network monitoring system that regenerates, for continuous play back, information of a sequence of individual actions that occurred on the network and displays, during each play back, the regenerated information of each individual action of the sequence

at the same time interval within the sequence as the action occurred.

Thus, for example, if three actions occurred on a network during a period of interest, the claimed network monitoring system could continuously play back the sequence in which the three actions occurred such that the actual time intervals between the three events, as they occurred on the network, are similarly represented during each play back of the sequence. To better understand this example, suppose the first through third actions occurred, respectively, on the network at times t1 = 1 second, t2 = 3 seconds, and t3 = 8 seconds from an initial time point; the claimed network monitoring system would, upon request of a user, continuously play back the sequence of three actions such that, during each play back: (1) the first action is shown to occur at time t1 = 1 second after the initial time point, (2) the second action is shown to occur 2 seconds after the first action is shown, and (3) the third action is shown to occur 5 seconds after the second action is shown.

The Office Action proposes that Cartsonis discloses the above-mentioned feature in column 7, lines 59-65 (see Office Action page 5, penultimate paragraph). However, Cartsonis discloses the following in the cited material.

Pop-up information 401 includes detailed information describing a corresponding thread including the name of the thread, start time, duration, number of bytes, number of packets, and average packet size. In one embodiment, the user may configure the system to specify what kind of information is displayed as pop-up information 401.

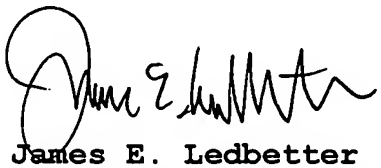
As may be determined by inspection, Cartsonis' disclosure of displaying communication-thread information in a pop-up window is not the same as, or similar to, the claimed feature of continuously replaying, on a display, a sequence of actions in the same time-sequence that they occurred on a network.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Cartsonis does not anticipate the subject matter now defined by claim 1. Independent claims 9 and 17 now similarly recite the above-mentioned feature distinguishing apparatus claim 1 from Cartsonis, but with respect to a method in the case of claim 9 and a program stored on a computer readable medium in the case of claim 17. Therefore, allowance of claims 1, 9, and 17 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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